III. Boundaries, Boundary-marks and Fencing of Forests.

A. BOUNDARIES AND BOUNDARY-MARKS—*concluded.*

The Round Guard will specially inspect every forest boundary-mark in the forests of his round once in every year and will make a record of every inspection made in his diary when it may occur, and also will submit a special report to the Divisional Forest Officer upon the state and condition of the boundary-marks, forest boundaries, living hedge, etc., as soon as he may have completed the inspection of the boundaries of any forest village or forest block.

(3) The Range Forest Officer will, during the official year, inspect and specially report upon the state and condition of the forest boundaries and forest boundary-marks of not less than two miles of forest boundary in every "beat" in his range. A record of inspections made will be entered in his diary when they may occur.*

B. Fencing.

172. The Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, should be requested to restrict wire-fencing to such works as valuable plantations, nurseries, protective reboisement works, depôt compounds, etc. The information now before Government shows it to be very doubtful whether large expenditure upon the wire-fencing of forests is likely to be justifiable in the interests of forest conservancy.

Areas round which fencing should be erected.

172a. The procedure followed in indenting for large supplies of expensive stores from England does not provide sufficiently for the obtaining of the explicit sanction and approval of Government in respect of the expenditure involved. The Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that when forwarding indents of stores for compliance, the officer in charge of Forest Circles should draw special attention to items of new or unusual character, or to any unusually expensive order, and should fully explain the necessity or advantage of the expenditure involved. All forecasts of the value of the probable requirements in respect of forest stores as well as the indents for such stores should be submitted to Government in the Revenue Department.†

Procedure to be followed when indenting for fencing material or other stores from England.

IV. Forest Surveys.

A. Constitution of the Survey Department.

173. 1. All Forest Survey operations in India and Burma, other than those undertaken by local Forest officials, will be carried out under the superintendence of an officer of the Survey of India, who will be nominated by the Surveyor-General and designated Superintendent, Forest Surveys. He will be in charge of the Forest Survey Branch of the Survey of India, and his

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* Conservator's Circular.

† Government Resolution No. 176, dated 10th January 1901.